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HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY OF THE LOWER MEANDER BASIN AT LATE BRONZE AGE

ABSTRACT

Hittites, one of the major civilizations in middle east, established the first state organization in the center Anatolia. This is dominated by a strong state to a lesser extent at the regional administrative structures in Anatolia. This is part of the administrative structures were located in the western Anatolia. Western Anatolia at the same time, the Hittite Empire and the great struggle between Ahhiyawa and Arzawa Countries inhabited area. Although the purposes of the Hittites settled in this region indirectly calling to us to maintain dominance. Ahhiyawa and tried to break the power of Arzawa from time to time Hittites felt in the region. Much smaller than the governments in the region to keep their kingdom is sometimes Ahhiyawa sometimes Hittite or sometimes sided with the Kingdom of Arzawa.

Between Hittite Kingdom and Aegean Basin's relationship in our country, interest to see increasingly in recent years. The reason for this, new inscriptions and archaeological finds revaluation certainly.

In this master thesis, utilizing Hittites texts and geographical feature, the stated regions and closed circumference's tried to explain existed opinions for localization in excess of the Hittites texts.

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